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LOC Questions and Clarifications Memorandum

To: Solicited Vendors for Letter of Configuration (LOC) Number 42493, dated September 21, 2016 for the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)

From: Craig P. Orgeron, Ph.D.

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Subject: Responses to Questions Submitted and Clarifications to Specifications

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The following questions were submitted to ITS and are being presented as they were submitted, except to remove any reference to a specific vendor. This information should assist you in formulating your response.

Question 1:   Would you mind letting me know how many units MDE is looking at?

Response: **Approximately 500 units to be purchased throughout the term of the Agreement.**

Question 2:   Pricing will vary greatly depending on the volume purchased. Could you at least provide an estimate?

Response: **See response to Question 1.**

Question 3:   How long will the Contract be good for once awarded?

Response: **Refer to Attachment D, Article 1 TERM OF AGREEMENT.**

Question 4:   Will this be awarded to one vendor?

Response: **Refer to Item 4.4 in the LOC; however, the State anticipates a single award.**

Question 5:   Would local service be an adder for the LOC?

Response: **No.**

Question 6: Intel has introduced the new m7 series for mobile applications, which will save power and provide exceptional processing. Would this be acceptable in place of the i7 processor?

Response: **No.**

Question 7: All the hybrid HPi products max out at 8GB RAM. Since we are using SSD drives, swap memory will be quick. Is there a specific application requiring 16GB? Perhaps we could contact the application provider? Will this work?

Response: **MDE currently has no existing applications that require 16 GB. Vendors must propose the 2-in-1 tablets as requested in the LOC.**

Question 8: The new HPi product comes with the enhanced USB Type-C™ with Thunderbolt™ support port which provides an additional monitor port as well as other high speed external options. With a dongle, this will drive the display port. Is this acceptable?

Response: **Yes.**

Question 9: I have no idea what a Cover Port is, if it is just a cover for the SD slot, or other, I'm sure that it can be worked out, but at the moment, the unit does not come with a "plug" or cover for the SD slot.

Response: **This is the brand name of a feature on the Surface Pro. The generic is simply the keyboard dock connector.**

Question 10: Factory pricing is frequently based on expected volumes. Is there a minimum or forecasted volume with expected roll out dates?

Response: **No. See response to Question 1.**

Question 11: I was wondering if you would happen to know what quantity of these 2-in-1s they are looking for.

Response: **See response to Question 1.**

Question 12: What is the quantity needed for each model request?

Response: **See response to Question 1.**

Question 13: On page 17, I see training is listed. Is that something MDE requires?

Response: **No. MDE does not require Vendor training.**

Question 14: How do you require us to respond with Acknowledged, Will Comply or Agreed to each point throughout the document?

Response: **Refer to Article 1 GENERAL LOC INSTRUCTIONS in the LOC. Vendors can insert their response near/next to the requirement.**

Question 15: Is there a specific quantity of devices needed?

Response: **See response to Question 1.**

Question 16: Are any system imaging, asset tagging or laser etching services needed for the devices prior to shipping?

Response: **No.**

LOC responses are due Friday, October 21, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time). If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Jill Chastant at 601-432-8214 or via email at jill.chastant@its.ms.gov.

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